

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending.

Interview

The courtesy of the Examiner extending an interview on February 1, 2005 is appreciated. The Interview Summary correctly summarizes the interview.

Entry of the Amendment

The above amendment should be entered because it raises no new issues as it only incorporates the subject matter of dependent claim 5 into base claim 1. Also it appears that amended claim 1 based on the interview would be allowable unless further art is cited.

Reply to Rejections

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logothetis et al., Peterson et al., '473 or '341 or Burdon et al. This rejection is traversed.

It will be noted that claim 5 has been cancelled and the subject matter of claim 5 has been inserted in claim 1 as discussed at the interview noted above.

In the rejection of claim 5, now inserted in amended claim 1, it was stated that "the number of layers and their thicknesses have not been shown to be critical to the method of assembly." In fact, as discussed in paragraph 19 of the specification, the features of claim 1 in combination are important and provide a result which is an improvement over the prior art.

Results must be given significance in arriving at the conclusion of obviousness. See *The Gillette Co. v. S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc.* Case cited and explained on page 11 of the last Reply.

With respect to the remaining claims, these claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as amended base claim 1.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC 103.

Conclusion

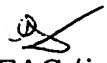
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact William L. Gates (Reg. No. 20,848) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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